

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. §1.63)

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My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FLEXIBLE TIP

the specification of which (check one)

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority
Not Claimed

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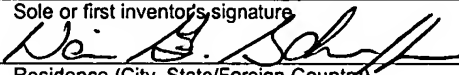
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- ☒ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed on _____ as U.S. application No. _____

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